

Report on the Working on the Joint-Stock Companies in Mysore for 1938-39.

READ—

Letter No. C. 150—39-40, dated 16th May 1939, from the Registrar of Joint-Stock Companies in Mysore, forwarding a report on the working of the Joint-Stock Companies as well as of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies in Mysore, during the year ended 31st March 1939.

ORDER No. D. 268-82—J. S. 44-38-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 6TH JULY 1939.

Recorded.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,
Development Department.*

LAW SECRETARIAT**Reduction in Establishment, Tools and Plant Charges of the public works of the District Boards undertaken by the Public Works Department.**

READ—

Para 514 of the Mysore Public Works Account Code, fixing the establishment, tools and plant charges at the rate of $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, respectively, on the outlay on works and repairs executed by the Public Works Department on behalf of local bodies.

2. Government Order No. L. 2144-62—Ml. 63-35-2, dated 18th September 1935, directing that, in respect of water-supply and drainage works executed by the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering or the Public Works Department on behalf of Municipalities and District Boards, the establishment, tools and plant charges be reduced to 12 per cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, respectively.

3. Report of the District Boards Finances Committee, recommending, among other things, that the establishment, tools and plant charges now recovered from the District Boards for the execution of their public works by the Public Works Department be reduced, as a special case, from 18 per cent to $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as in the case of water-supply and drainage schemes and that the relief thus given to the District Boards might be shown in the accounts as a grant-in-aid by Government.

ORDER No. L. 1-20—L. B. 83-38-18, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 1ST JULY 1939.

The District Boards have been repeatedly representing that the levy of contribution at the rate of 18 per cent on account of the establishment, tools and plant charges on the outlay in respect of the public works—original and repair—undertaken on their behalf by the Public Works Department is pressing heavily on their slender resources and that it may be reduced.

2. This question was examined by the District Boards Finances Committee. The Committee has come to the conclusion that, although the charges incurred by the Public Works Department on this account actually work out to a higher figure, the District Boards in the present state of their finances require some relief urgently and accordingly recommends that the establishment, tools and plant charges may be reduced, as a special case, to $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the analogy of the rate fixed in respect of water-supply and drainage works. This recommendation has also been approved by the Standing Committee for Local Self-Government, etc.

3. Government have carefully examined the question further in consultation with the Chief Engineer, as a result of which it is found that the establishment, tools and plant charges on the total works outlay of the Public Works Department actually work out to more than 18 per cent, that the rate of $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent now fixed is not high and that any reduction involves loss to Government. Further, the District Boards have to pay more if they engage a separate engineering establishment of their own to do such work. The concessional rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent allowed in respect of water-supply and drainage schemes cannot be applied to the District Board Works, as in respect of the former, the bulk of the outlay relates to machinery

and pipes which are all finished articles in respect of which the work of supervision will be comparatively little or negligible.

But, having regard to the present unsatisfactory finances of the District Boards, Government direct that the establishment, tools and plant charges in respect of the public works undertaken by the Public Works Department on behalf of the District Boards be fixed tentatively at 15½ per cent for a period of three years, the position being reviewed thereafter. The Chief Engineer is requested to submit to Government a report at the end of the above period as to how the arrangement has worked.

4. Government accept the other recommendation of the Committee that the relief given to the District Boards by the reduction of the charges may be shown in the accounts as a grant-in-aid by Government.

C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,

*Secretary to Government,
Law Department.*

Progress of work done in the villages selected for concentrated propaganda for Rural Welfare Work.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per Hy. 21-2—37-38, dated 25th May 1939, from the Revenue Commissioner, in Mysore, forwarding a brief report showing the progress of work done in the villages selected for intensive rural propaganda for the half-year ended 31st December 1938.

ORDER No. L. 235-f—V. P. 40-38-4, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 6TH JULY 1939.

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2. The report will be published in the *Mysore Gazette* for general information.

C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,

*Secretary to Government,
Law Department.*